

**NOTICE:** The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Richland Operations Office (RL) has completed and released for public review and comment the draft Hanford Site Solid (Radioactive and Hazardous) Waste Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A 90-day public comment period will end approximately August 22, 2002.

The draft EIS was prepared following a public scoping process which began in October 1997, that assisted DOE in defining issues to be considered, alternatives to be evaluated, and environmental impacts to be addressed. The draft EIS is coupled with DOE's February 2000 decision from the Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, naming Hanford as one of two sites for disposal of low-level wastes and mixed low-level wastes from any DOE generators if Hanford Site waste acceptance criteria are met.

The Hanford Site Solid Waste Program manages several types of solid wastes at the Hanford Site, including low-level, mixed low-level, transuranic and mixed transuranic, and hazardous wastes as well as contaminated equipment. Mixed wastes contain radioactive and hazardous components. This draft EIS is designed to provide necessary information to assist in future decisions regarding long-term management of low-level wastes and mixed low-level wastes on the central plateau of the Hanford Site in Southeastern Washington State.

Public meetings will be held in the following locations at the designated times:

Best Western Blue Mountain Room 1711 21 <sup>st</sup> Street La Grande OR	July 23, 2002
Metro Regional Services Building Council Chambers 600 N.E. Grand Ave. Portland, OR	July 30, 2002
Hanford House Columbia Room 802 George Washington Way Richland, WA 99352	August 6, 2002
The Mountaineer Club Pinnacle Room 300 Third Avenue West Seattle, WA 98101	August 7, 2002
Best Western Hood River Inn River Room 1108 East Marina Way Hood River, OR 97031	August 14, 2002

A summary of the EIS can be found at [Draft Solid Waste EIS](#).

Copies of the draft EIS are available for public review at the DOE Public Reading Room located in the Consolidated Information Center at Washington State University Tri-Cities in Richland, WA. A copy of the draft EIS may be obtained by calling 1-800-426-4914 or (509) 376-6536 or by writing to:

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